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Some background material on our experiences dealing with applications for access to classified material for research purposes is being provided for your information. If you have the time to read it, you will appreciate that we have found that the approval of such applications leads to administrative burdens and security risks. Moreover, approving some and disapproving others could easily result in charges of favoritism. Accordingly, for the past several years we have denied all such requests, regardless of the prominence of the applicant. For example, we have turned down requests from then Vice President Rockefeller's speechwriter, Joseph Persico (submitted for him by Mr. Rockefeller) and from former Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, among others. For your information, other than book reviews, we have released very little material from Studies in Intelligence.

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Mr. Walter Laqueur, Chairman
International Research Council
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Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Laqueur:

This is in reply to your letter of 5 June 1981, wherein you inquired into the possibility of gaining access to the series Studies in Intelligence. As you are aware, the contents of this in-house periodical are classified. Indeed, many of the articles published in Studies pertain to such sensitive matters as covert operations and technical collection systems, which I am required by statute to protect from unauthorized disclosure.

Requests for access to classified information for the purpose of historical research are governed by section 4-3 of Executive Order 12065. The Agency's regulations implementing this provision of the Order are to be found in Part 1900 of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, subsection 1900.61. However, I have been advised that applications of this type have seldom been approved by the CIA. The last such approval was in 1974. Because of security requirements and the resources which would be required of us in terms of escorting researchers, providing suitable work space, analytical support and the like, accommodating historical researchers has not been feasible. Moreover, it is now our policy to consider applications for historical research privileges only in those instances where the researchers' needs cannot be satisfied through requests, submitted under the Freedom of Information Act or Executive Order 12065, for access to reasonably described records.

Rather than pursuing this avenue further, you may wish to write to our Information and Privacy Coordinator, [redacted] and inquire into what has been released to date from Studies in Intelligence. You could then purchase copies of the previously released material or, as an alternative, make arrangements to examine the documents at the Agency's reading room in Rosslyn, Virginia.

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I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your book, The Terrible Secret. I shall look forward to reading it.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey
William J. Casey

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